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Docket No: 2198/0H294

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Claus ZURBIG; Hans-Hinrich KRUSE

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Art Unit: 1711

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For: COMPOSITE STRUCTURE WITH ONE OR SEVERAL POLYURETHANE LAYERS,
METHOD FOR THEIR MANUFACTURE AND USE THEREOF

RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

Hon. Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

March 12, 2003

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated February 19, 2003. Claims 1-31
are of record.

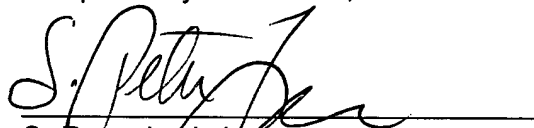
Applicant herewith elects, with traverse, the invention designated Group I, that is, claims 1-15 and 28-31.

The election is made with traverse since the claims of the three Groups are closely inter-related. That is, the claims of Group II are directed to the method of making the structure set forth in the claims of Group I. Accordingly, in order to make a comprehensive search of the elected invention of Group I, it would necessitate searching the method of Group II claims 16-25.

Further, claims 26-27 of Group III are also closely related to the composite structure of Group I. This further requires that all claims of the application (1-31) be considered in order that a proper and thorough search be made.

A favorable action on the merits of all the claims in the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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